

SENATE RECORD VOTE ANALYSIS

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Vote No. 61

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MURPHY NOMINATION/District Judge

SUBJECT: Nomination of G. Patrick Murphy, of Illinois, to be a District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois. Confirmation.

ACTION: NOMINATION CONFIRMED, 98-1

SYNOPSIS: George Patrick Murphy was born December 1, 1948, in Carbondale, Illinois. He received a B.S. from Southern Illinois University in 1975 and a J.D. from Southern Illinois University School of Law in 1977. His employment history includes the following: 1978-1982, Associate at James W. Sanders & Associates; 1982-1983, Associate at Garrison & Garrison; 1983-1993, Partner at Winters, Brewster, Murphy, Crosby & Patchett; and 1994-present, Sole Practitioner at G. Patrick Murphy, Attorney at Law.

Those favoring confirmation contended:

Pat Murphy is an excellent judicial nominee. He has a sterling reputation as a trial attorney. After practicing law in Illinois for over 20 years, he has tried over 100 jury cases and 200 bench cases as sole counsel. He was also elected to the American College of Trial Attorneys. Pat Murphy's personal service is even more exemplary. He enlisted in the Marines when he was 17 and served honorably in Vietnam. When he returned, he attended college and law school through the GI Bill. After his parents died, he raised his younger siblings. In his law practice, he has represented, pro bono, veterans who needed his help. Truly, Pat Murphy is a qualified candidate.

We are grateful that the Judiciary Committee has unanimously approved this candidate. Currently, Illinois desperately needs judges: the seven judicial vacancies are hindering the judicial process. We hope that the Senate approves Pat Murphy and continues confirming judges to remedy the judicial crisis in Illinois and throughout the nation.

No arguments were expressed in opposition to confirmation.

YEAS (98)				NAYS (1)		NOT VOTING (1)	
Republican (53 or 98%)		Democrats (45 or 100%)		Republicans (1 or 2%)	Democrats (0 or 0%)	Republicans (1)	Democrats (0)
Abraham	Hutchison	Akaka	Johnson	Faircloth		Helms- ^{2AY}	
Allard	Inhofe	Baucus	Kennedy				
Ashcroft	Jeffords	Biden	Kerrey				
Bennett	Kempthorne	Bingaman	Kerry				
Bond	Kyl	Boxer	Kohl				
Brownback	Lott	Breaux	Landrieu				
Burns	Lugar	Bryan	Lautenberg				
Campbell	Mack	Bumpers	Leahy				
Chafee	McCain	Byrd	Levin				
Coats	McConnell	Cleland	Lieberman				
Cochran	Murkowski	Conrad	Mikulski				
Collins	Nickles	Daschle	Moseley-Braun				
Coverdell	Roberts	Dodd	Moynihan				
Craig	Roth	Dorgan	Murray				
D'Amato	Santorum	Durbin	Reed				
DeWine	Sessions	Feingold	Reid				
Domenici	Shelby	Feinstein	Robb				
Enzi	Smith, Bob	Ford	Rockefeller				
Frist	Smith, Gordon	Glenn	Sarbanes				
Gorton	Snowe	Graham	Torricelli				
Gramm	Specter	Harkin	Wellstone				
Grams	Stevens	Hollings	Wyden				
Grassley	Thomas	Inouye					
Gregg	Thompson						
Hagel	Thurmond						
Hatch	Warner						
Hutchinson							

EXPLANATION OF ABSENCE:

- 1—Official Business
- 2—Necessarily Absent
- 3—Illness
- 4—Other

SYMBOLS:

- AY—Announced Yea
- AN—Announced Nay
- PY—Paired Yea
- PN—Paired Nay